



News

Around The Neighborhood

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August 2024 Newsletter

2024 Board of Directors:

Allen Jongsma (12/25), President	Mark Henson (12/25), Vice President
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Current Committees

- ARC: Ralph Flens, Virgil Jordan, Jay Popp, Bob Rajewski, and Ron Szikora
- Finance Committee: Ralph Flens, Jay Popp, and Elaine Sanders
- Garage Sale: Dru Bocek
- Landscape Committee: Lee and Dawn Buss, Gary Everhart, Tom Molnar, Chris Popp *MARY SZIKORA*
- Nominating – Betty Bryan, Jay Popp, and Elaine Sanders
- Website, Facebook, and Outside Light: Jay Popp
- Welcome Committee: Diane Carroll, Donna Lamoureux, Kathy Skurauskis

Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday, August 15, 6pm, Schererville Public Library
Thursday, November 21, 7 pm, Crossroads Community Church

If you have not yet done so, please provide Resource Management with a copy of your home owners insurance showing Briar Cove as an additional insured. Thank you.

A special word of thanks to the many folks who walk their pets in Briar Cove. It is appreciated that you clean up after your dogs. This helps maintain our community as a very desirable place to live. Thanks also for notifying Resource Management if you see any broken sprinkler heads or any sprinklers malfunctioning during your walks.

Please remember that **ALL** exterior changes must have ARC approval. This includes having roofs repaired or replaced as well as garage lights. The approval form is on the Briar Cove website (<http://www.briarcovehomeownersassociation.com/>) or request an approval form from Resource Management. Their phone number is 219-865-2104 and their email is service@resourcemanagementllc.com. Please fill out the form and return it to Resource Management. The approval form has been updated regarding not permitting placement of vendor signs in yards. This approval process is to ensure our residents have the proper materials and that only licensed and insured vendors are doing work in our community.

Residents considering roof replacement should discuss your intentions with your attached neighbor. Some vendors offer a discount if both roofs are done at the same time. Also, if a roof is done by different contractors at different times, there is a chance that the warranties may be affected.

If you have not yet signed up for the Briar Cove phone tree, please contact Resource Management to do so, 219-865-2104. This is an important communication tool to keep residents informed. When the phone tree message comes out, Resource Management uses call multiplier which has a phone number with a 401area code.

When you sell your home, please be sure to give the new owners your Homeowners manual with all the Briar Cove Rules and Regulations. Every homeowner should be informed of these.

Please remember that other than a birdfeeder to feed small birds, feeding of wildlife is prohibited in Briar Cove. Do not feed the deer, geese, feral cats, coyotes, wolves, foxes, owls or any other type of wildlife. The HOA pays a vendor to control the geese in our community. **Please do not feed the geese as this is counterproductive.** Feeding wildlife results in health and safety risks to residents and pets. If a resident feeds any wildlife, they will be responsible for cleanup and any other liabilities associated with the presence of these animals.

If you are currently leasing your property, you should have provided a copy of your lease to Resource Management. In accordance with the new amendment, all landlords are obligated to have current lease and occupancy information on file with Resource Management. Failure to do so is a violation of the covenants. Your cooperation is appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE – The annual Briar Cove garage sale is planned for August 10, 2024. For more information, please contact Dru Bocek (219-613-1125).

Reminder, vendor signs are only permitted in Briar Cove while the vendor is on your property. Only For Sale signs are allowed. Political signs are permitted 30 days prior to an election.

Periodically a resident of Briar Cove will host a dinner at a local restaurant for all residents. Cindy Dupczak has agreed to host a dinner at Region Ale Tap House, 1080 Indianapolis Blvd, in Schererville on Monday, August 12, at 6 pm. This is a fun way to meet some neighbors. If you

are interested to attend, please email your name, and phone number to cdupczak@att.net or call 219-322-5616. You MUST RSVP by Thursday, August 8.

Everyone should have received a proposed amendment to Article III, Section 4 and Section 8 of the Bylaws for Briar Cove. All owners are strongly encouraged to return their proxy to Resource Management as soon as possible. Proxies should be received by September 30, 2024. Another proxy is enclosed with this newsletter in case you have misplaced the original mailing. You may also bring your completed proxies to the August 15 quarterly meeting at the library.

A reminder to residents that the maintenance of any plantings, pavers, etc. that they or the former owners did, is the responsibility of the homeowner, not the HOA. This includes trimming, removal, re-alignment, etc. If the homeowner is unable to do the work, Resource Management can assist with hiring someone to do the work at the homeowner's expense. Riding through Briar Cove reveals that it is time that some of this maintenance should be done.

Phase one of driveway sealing and repair has begun.

If you would like your gutters cleaned this fall, please email, or call Resource Management to get on the list.

Residents should be aware that bees are sometimes making nests under their siding.

Reminder – There is a lot of information on the Briar Cove website for all residents (<http://www.briarcovehomeownersassociation.com/>) It is a good idea to periodically check the website.

BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGE ASSOCIATION
PROXY

I am the Owner of the property listed below in Briar Cove Paired Cottage Association (the “Association”) and I appoint, _____, or if left blank, a **Board member**, as my proxy holder to attend the Meeting of the Association to vote on the proposed amendment to By-Laws for Briar Cove Paired Cottage Association. The proxy holder named above has the authority to cast my vote and act for me the same as if I were personally present at the Meeting as indicated below:

<p>“YES” means you think the Amendment <i>should</i> be approved. “NO” means you think the Amendment <i>should NOT</i> be approved.</p>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<p>Please mark with either an X or ✓ in the box to the right of each line item in the corresponding box to indicate your vote on whether the following Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws Briar Cove Paired Cottage Association should be approved:</p>		
<p>Should the Proposed Amendment to Article III, Section 4 and Section 8 of the Bylaws be approved?</p>		

This voting is being done during a Special Meeting held on **Thursday November 21st, 2024, at 7 pm at Crossroads Community Church**. According to Article VI Section 6 of the By-Laws, the proposed amendment must be approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Owners. If the Proposed Amendment is approved by the Owners, a certified copy of the Proposed Amendment must be recorded with the Lake County Recorder’s Office to become effective. According to Article II, Section 11 of the Bylaws of Briar Cove Paired Cottage Association, Inc., a meeting of the Owners requires a quorum of at least one-third (1/3) of the Owners in person or by proxy. There are 272 Residential Units in the Association, which means that at least 182 Owners must vote to approve the Amendment.

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"I affirm, under penalties of perjury, that by signing this proxy I have the authority to grant this proxy to the individual named herein to exercise this proxy."

Owner's Signature

Date

Name of Owner

Full Address of Owner's Property
(Street, City, State, Zip Code)

EACH LINE OF THIS PROXY MUST BE COMPLETED AS INDICATED UNDER EACH LINE TO BE VALID. THIS INCLUDES THE FULL ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE BRIAR COVE PAIRED COTTAGE ASSOCIATION, INCLUDING THE CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE.

The Owner appointing this proxy may revoke this proxy at any time in person or by issuing a new proxy at a later date or time. This proxy is valid only for the meeting for which it is given and any lawful continuation thereof. In no event is the proxy valid for more than eleven (11) months from the date this proxy was signed.